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Rise to Success

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Basketball and broadcasting legend Bill Walton will share his perspective on leadership and achievement at the University of Dayton's R.I.S.E. XI Global Investment Forum at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, at the University of Dayton Arena.

"Bill Walton embodies so much of what we hope to inspire in the students and professionals who attend the conference," said Matthew Shank, dean of the School of Business Administration. "He has a zest for life, a passion for excellence and a commitment to giving back to society."

"Walton has achieved great things both on and off the basketball court. He has made the most of his talents with legendary drive and enthusiasm, as well as an equally legendary sense of fun."

Walton's talk will cap the first day of the investment forum, which runs March 31 through April 2 at the University of Dayton. The conference brings together students, faculty and leading investment professionals in an interactive format in the largest student investment forum in the world.

A line-up of international finance and investment leaders will join the basketball hall-of-famer and Emmy award-winner on the forum's first day, which is open to professionals and the public. Students and faculty stay through noon April 2 for specialized sessions, networking and a career strategies forum.

The forum has grown so big that part of it is held in a familiar setting for Walton — a basketball arena.

Walton was a superstar at UCLA as a member of two NCAA championship teams. Following his sophomore, junior and senior seasons, he was named the Naismith player of the year and earned All-America and academic all-America honors. He graduated with honors with a bachelor's degree in history.

He was the top overall pick in the 1974 NBA draft by the Portland Trail Blazers. He went on to win an NBA championship with the Trail Blazers in 1977 and added another with the Boston Celtics in 1986. He also played for the San Diego and Los Angeles Clippers before retiring in 1990 to launch a broadcasting career.

As a broadcaster, Walton worked with CBS Sports as well as NBC, and covered the 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney Summer Olympics. During his broadcasting career, he has also worked for ABC, ESPN, Fox, MSNBC, Turner Sports, KCAL and the NBA.

Walton has been nominated for several Emmy awards and in 2001 won an Emmy for best live sports television broadcast. He also was an Emmy recipient in 1979 for his work on an environmental documentary.

He's been honored for his humanitarian work by the National Basketball Players Association and the NBA Retired Players Association. He remains active in basketball through clinic, camps, coaching and television commentary.

As a highly visible Deadhead, he was honored in 2001 as the inaugural inductee into the Grateful Dead Hall of Honor.

This will not be the first time Walton has encountered the University of Dayton on a basketball court.

In 1974, Walton's UCLA team, although favored by 20 points, was forced into three overtimes by the Dayton Flyers in the 1974 NCAA tournament west regional. The Bruins eventually won the memorable game 110-100.

Now in its 11th year, R.I.S.E. (Redefining Investment Strategy Education) is offered in association with the United Nations Global Compact, a voluntary corporate responsibility initiative.

Professionals and the public may attend on Thursday, March 31. Early registration for professionals and the public is \$200; after March 1 registration is \$250.

Early registration for the two-and-one-half day event is \$225 for students and \$300 for faculty until March 1. After March 1, registration is \$250 for students and \$350 for faculty. Online registration closes March 19. Pre-registration is required and

cannot be accepted the day of the event.

For more information visit the website or call 937-229-1444 or email at rise@udayton.edu.